

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Fort Caroline National Memorial

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12713 Fort Caroline Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Florida

VICINITY OF

CODE

12

COUNTY

Duval

CODE

031

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ Completed**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☒ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Southeast Regional Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1895 Phoenix Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Duval County Courthouse (Also Park files)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

330 East Bay Street

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville

STATE

Florida

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Buildings

DATE

1975

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDSCity Historical and Cultural Conservation Commission  
or Dept. of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville, Florida

STATE

Tallahassee, Florida

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	___ DETERIORATED	___ UNALTERED	___ ORIGINAL SITE
___ GOOD	___ RUINS	XX ALTERED	XX MOVED DATE _____
___ FAIR	___ UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

#### Fort Caroline (20th century Replica) Structure #001

The exact site of the original is unknown. Historic research indicates that it was in this vicinity on similar ground. The existing fort is a scale replica (2/3 to 3/4 scale,) constructed in 1964. The construction of the replica was based on the drawings of Jacques LeMoyne, an artist with the colonists. Descriptions in the diaries of the colonists were also used. The structure is primarily earthwork, having one plank wall facing the river. It is roughly the shape of a triangle, 200' X 200' X 300', each point being modified to form a protective bastion for gun emplacements. There is a single entrance of heavy timbers and a moat encompasses the Fort on two sides (the river is on the third side.) The base of the two earthwork walls measures 30' sloping upwards to 20' in width. They are topped by walls 4' high and 3' wide. The Fort is currently in good condition and requires only routine maintenance. 2nd Order of Significance. Location: UTM: 17/451905/3361550

*200' x 200' x 300', with a 4' x 3' wall.*

#### Ribault Column-Structure #003

This monument is the replica of the original as shown in the LeMoyne drawing of 1564. The original was placed at the mouth of the St. John's River by the French to claim this land in 1562. In 1924, this replica was placed at Mayport by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1957, the replica was moved to St. Johns Bluff, its present location. The Column and the bluff are currently in such condition as to require only routine maintenance. 3rd Order of Significance. Location: UTM: 17/452920/3361670

*Replica of original monument.*

#### Confederate Earthworks-Structure #004

The defensive earthwork battery, mounted several cannon and overlooked the St. Johns River. It is adjacent to the Ribault Column. It was constructed in September 1862, and abandoned by the Confederates to the Federals in October 1862. The earthworks exist today covered with trees and small shrubs. Clearing and restoration needed to bring it to the point requiring only routine maintenance for preservation would cost \$12,000. 2nd Order of Significance. Location: UTM: 17/452920/3361670

#### Spanish Campsite Pond

This pond and the pine grove in the southwest side of it are believed to have been the site of the Spanish soldiers' camp the night before they attacked Fort Caroline. The marshy pond and pine grove, and adjacent ridge, match the description of the area written in 1564. The pond is approximately 10 acres. A research project is being conducted by the University of Florida under contract to National Park Service to determine the environmental factors affecting the pond. A computer model will be formulated which spells out alternative courses of action to take and their effects so that the manager may choose action to maintain the historical scene. continued maintenance costs will be determined by findings. Location: UTM: 17/452600/3361090

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1564 Original-1964 Replica	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Original constructed by French NPS constructed Replica
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At Fort Caroline the struggle between France and Spain for supremacy in southeastern North America began and ended, virtually. When the Fort was founded in 1564 by French Huguenots (Calvinists), there was no other European colony on the North American continent this side of Mexico, and France hoped this colony would help establish her claim to the New World. The colony was a two-fold insult to Spain; first through the French King it challenged Spanish claims to this land, and secondly, it represented the presence of heretics which was intolerable to the Catholic Church in Spain. These factors served to trigger what was to be the first decisive conflict between European kingdoms for a region that later became part of the Continental United States. King Philip of Spain sent an armada to Florida in 1565. Spanish forces captured the fort, as its garrison had already been weakened by famine, internal dissension, and Indian attacks. Renamed San Mateo, the post was maintained by Spain through the colonial period. Recent reconstruction of Fort Caroline was based on a 16th century sketch.

In the 1800's the Fort site became significant again as a defense that was placed on the stratetic St. Johns Bluff overlooking the St. Johns River. The earthworks were placed there in an attempt to protect the city of Jacksonville, a favorite port for blockade runners. The battery was also to protect the entire St. Johns River "Valley." When the Union forces took the position, it gave them access to both, and cut off the North-South movement of Confederate troops in East Florida.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Settlement of Florida, Charles E. Bennett, University of Florida Press, 1968.  
Laudonmaire and Fort Caroline, Charles E. Bennett, University of Florida Press, 1964.  
Florida's Menendez, Albert Manucy, St. Augustine Historical Soc., St. Augustine, 1965.  
Historic Site Survey Fort Caroline, Florida, Albert Manucy, 1940.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 128 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 453040 3361920

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

B 17 453020 3360740

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

C 17 451450 3360790

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

D 17 451450 3361790

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is bounded on the west by Shipyard Creek, on the North by the St. Johns River, on the south at S. 89 degrees N. 53 CH. On the east, it is bounded by the Clyde Bonds' Property, on the North side of Fort Caroline Road and by the Barbara Preble property on the east and southside Fort Caroline Road. The property is bisected east to west by Fort Caroline Road.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen L. Dilonardo, Superintendent

ORGANIZATION

Fort Caroline National Monument

DATE

11/75

STREET & NUMBER

12713 Fort Caroline Road

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CITY OR TOWN

Jacksonville

STATE

Florida 32225

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_

NONE\_\_\_

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ☒ National \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE APR 20 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/12/77

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-8-77